

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Docket No. RII-003CPUS		
Application No. 09/719277-Conf. #7039	Filing Date April 13, 2001	Examiner T. Brown	Art Unit 1648		
Applicant(s): Andrea D. BRANCH <i>et al.</i>					
Invention: NOVEL HEPATITIS C VIRUS PEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF					
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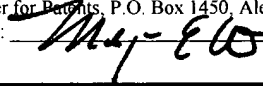
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated January 14, 2005.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.